

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Roger LE COMPTE, et. al. Group Art Unit: (not assigned)

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For: DEVICE FOR PROCESSING SAMPLES
 OF BLOOD PRODUCTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
 Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned patent application as
follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. Device according to claim 1, characterized in that the
tubes (18) are placed vertically in the cassette (12) and in
line with the direction of travel, and in that the means of
agitation (30) are arranged to withdraw at least one tube (18)
laterally from the cassette and to replace it laterally into
the cassette after agitation.

4. Device according to claim 1, characterized in that the
cassette (12) incorporates flexible U-clips (44) allowing the
removal and replacement of a tube by a lateral movement

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